

What is claimed :

1 1. A brake device (30; 31) for a lace (2), of a boot  
2 (31), sliding in a base part (1) linked to the boot  
3 (31), comprising a lever (3) articulated on the base  
4 part (1), returned by an elastic means (11) into a  
5 position of contact with the lace (2) preventing the  
6 sliding of the lace (2) in one direction by pressing,  
7 wherein the lever (3) has holding means (15, 16; 17a,  
8 17b, 18a, 18b) enabling it to maintain a second, stable  
9 position allowing the sliding of the lace (2) in both  
10 directions.

1 2. The brake device (30; 31) as claimed in claim 1,  
2 which comprises a means (12; 13) for releasing the  
3 return of the lever (3) into its position preventing  
4 the sliding of the lace (2) in one direction when a  
5 defined tensile force is exerted in a defined direction  
6 on the free end (2b) of the lace (2).

1 3. The brake device (30; 31) as claimed in claim 2,  
2 wherein the means (12; 13) for triggering the return of  
3 the lever (3) comprises a buckle (12; 13)<sup>\*</sup> articulated  
4 on the lever (3) and inside which the lace (2) slides.

1 4. The brake device (30) as claimed in claim 1,  
2 wherein the holding means (15, 16) comprise a stud (15)  
3 made on the base part (1) or lever (3), respectively,  
4 interacting with a housing (16) made on the lever (3)  
5 or base part (1), respectively.

1 5. The brake device (31) as claimed in claim 1,  
2 wherein the holding means (17a, 17b, 18a, 18b) comprise  
3 at least one notch (17a, 17b) made in the base part

4 (1), interacting with at least one notch (18a, 18b)  
5 made on the buckle (13), in which the lace (2) passes.

1 6. The brake device (30; 31) as claimed in claim 1,  
2 wherein the part of the lever for coming into contact  
3 with the lace (2) has teeth (7) that make it possible  
4 to increase the coefficient of friction between the  
5 lever (3) and the lace (2).

1 7. The brake device (30; 31) as claimed in claim 1,  
2 wherein the elastic means (11) for returning the lever  
3 (3) into its position of contact with the lace (2) is a  
4 compression spring (11).

1 8. The brake device as claimed in claim 1, wherein  
2 the elastic means for returning the lever (3) into its  
3 position of contact with the lace (2) is a torsion  
4 spring mounted around the articulation pin (4) of the  
5 lever (3) on the base part (1).

1 9. The brake device (30; 31) as claimed in claim 1,  
2 wherein a boot-closure device of the type with a lever  
3 (51), tie (52), and buckle (53) is fixed on the base  
4 part (1).

1 10. The brake device as claimed in claim 9, wherein  
2 the closure device is mounted slideably on the base  
3 part (1), and wherein, when it is placed under tension,  
4 it entrains the lever (3) into its position preventing  
5 the sliding of the lace (2) in one direction.

1 11. The brake device as claimed in claim 1, wherein  
2 the base part has hooks for interacting with a closure

3 device of the type with a lever, tie and buckle in  
4 order to close the boot.

1 12. The brake device as claimed in claim 1, wherein,  
2 when the lever (51) of a tightening device for opening  
3 the boot is manipulated, means make it possible to  
4 bring the lever (3) into its stable position allowing  
5 the sliding of the lace (2) in both directions.